II. Law, Justice, Police, &c.

67. Empowering the members of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly to elect the non-official members of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Varkey Oothuppu (*Ettumanur*) requested that the members of the Assembly might be allowed the privilege of electing the non-official members of the Legislative Council.

Reply.—The matter will be considered when rules are framed under section 5 of Regulation V of 1073.

68. Necessity for the election of a non-official member to the Legislative Council from the Kottayam Division.

Mr. K. Karunakaran Pillai (*Parur*) pointed out that no native of the Kottayam Division now sat in the Legislative Council and prayed for the removal of this defect.

Reply.—Non-official members are not intended to represent particular Divisions. But, in selecting non-official members, the interests of all the Divisions will be considered.

69. Desirability of amending the Civil Courts Regulation.

Mr. M. Bhaskara Menon, B. A., B. L., (*Parur*) observed that the appellate jurisdiction of District Judges was restricted to Rs. 500 in value, while in British India the limit was Rs. 3,000. It was desirable to extend the jurisdiction to at least Rs. 1,000, especially in the Kottayam Division, whence people had at present to travel long distances to present appeals. The Civil Courts Regulation Amendment Bill had been thrown out as a whole in the Legislative Council, but the passing of an amendment was necessary at least in regard to this particular matter.

Reply.—The Bill consisted of several parts and was thrown out in the Legislative Council. It is intended to take it up again and put in whatever is deemed desirable. The present suggestion will be borne in mind then.

70. Exemption of suits arising out of settlement decisions from payment of stamp and court-fees.

Mr. T. Kumara Pillai (*Kalkulam*) pointed out that this was one of the subjects urged upon the attention of Government at the last session of the Assembly. There was no appeal from the decisions of register-

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